

YEAR IN WHICH COLD LASTED ALL SUMMER

Snow and Ice Prevailed in the Months of June, July and August, 1816.

JANUARY TOO WARM FOR FIRE

Vermonters Were Lost in a Blizzard on June 17th, and Had Both Feet Frozen.

Fires in June and the continuance far into the summer of wintry weather has led to much comment. This, however, is not the only year in which we have had cold weather in the summer months. This fact is borne out by the following from the Danbury (Conn.) News:

The year 1816 was known throughout the United States and Europe as the coldest ever experienced by any person then living. There are persons in Northern New York who have been in the habit of keeping diaries for years, and it is from the pages of an old diary begun in 1810 and kept unbroken until 1840 that the following information regarding this year without a summer has been taken:

January was so mild that most persons allowed their fires to go out and did not burn wood except for cooking. There were a few cold days, but they were very few. Most of the time the air was warm and springlike. February was not cold. Some days were colder than any in January, but the weather was about the same. March, from the 1st to the 6th, was inclined to be windy. It came in like a small lion and went out like a very innocent sheep.

April came in warm, but as the days grew longer, it became colder, and by the 1st of May there was a temperature like that of winter, with plenty of snow and ice. In May the young buds were frozen dead, ice formed half an inch thick on ponds and rivers, corn was killed, and the corn fields were planted again and again, until it became too late to raise a crop. By the last of May in this climate the trees are usually in leaf and birds and flowers are plentiful. When the last of May arrived in 1816 everything had been killed by the cold.

June was the coldest month of roses ever experienced in this latitude. Frost and ice were as common as buttercups usually are. Almost every green thing was killed; all fruit was destroyed. Snow fell ten inches deep in Vermont. There was a seven-inch fall in the interior of New York State, and the same in Massachusetts. There were only a few moderately warm days. Everybody looked, longed and waited for warm weather, but warm weather did not come.

It was also dry; very little rain fell. All summer long the wind blew steadily from the north in blasts, laden with snow and ice. Mothers knitted socks of double thickness for their children, and made thick mittens. Planting and shivering were done together, and the farmers who worked out their taxes on the country roads wore overcoats and mittens.

On June 17th there was a heavy fall of snow. A Vermont farmer sent a flock of sheep to pasture on June 18th. The morning of the 17th dawned with the thermometer below the freezing point. About 9 o'clock in the morning the owner of the sheep started to look for his flock. Before leaving home he turned to his wife and said, jokingly:

"Better start the neighbors soon; it's the middle of June, and I may get lost in the snow."

An hour after he had left home a terrible snowstorm came up. The snow fell thick and fast, and, as there was so much wind, the fleecy masses piled in great drifts along the windward side of the fences and outbuildings. Night came, and the farmer had not been heard of.

His wife became frightened and alarmed the neighborhood. All the neighbors joined the searching party. On the third day they found him. He was lying in a hollow on the side of a hill with both feet frozen, he was half covered with snow, but alive. Most of the sheep were lost.

A farmer near Towherville, Vt., owned a large field of corn. He built dikes. Nearly every night he and his men took turns in keeping up the dikes and watching that the corn did not freeze. The farmer was rewarded for his tireless labors by having the only crop of corn in the region.

July came in with snow and ice. On the 4th of July the ice was as thick as window glass formed throughout New England, New York and in some parts of the State of Pennsylvania. Indian corn, which in some parts of the East had struggled through May and June, gave up, froze and died.

To the surprise of everybody, August proved the worst month of all. Almost every green thing in this country and Europe was blasted with frost. Snow fell at Barnet, thirty miles from London, England, on August 30th.

Newspapers received from England said that 1816 would be remembered by the existing generation as the year in which there was no summer. Very little corn ripened in New England. There was great privation, and thousands of persons would have perished in this country had it not been for the abundance of fish and wild game.

Richmond Gets Degree.
Mr. J. Garwood O'Keefe, of Richmond, was graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., on June 13th, with the degree of mechanical engineer.

There were eighty-three graduates of a class of one hundred and forty-eight.

Mr. O'Keefe will accompany his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. O'Keefe, who have been attending the exercises, to Niagara and Canada, and upon his return will locate permanently in Newark, N. J.

All Silk Parasols, \$2.98
Solid colors of brown, navy, green and black. Enamelled handles, brass ferrule, ivory tips. An unusual value for \$2.98.

Miller & Rhoads

Mail orders filled at advertised prices and forwarding charges prepaid on all cash orders of \$5 and over from the Virginias and Carolinas.

Women's Long Silk Gloves, \$1.75
1 1/2 button length, double tips, in tan and brown. These two shades are scarce and difficult to obtain. All sizes, \$1.75.

Dependable Silks in the June Sale

The people who buy and the people who sell our Silks know the fabrics thoroughly.

Every yard of Silk that enters the store is carefully examined before it is placed on sale.

Women can absolutely rely upon the good qualities of our fabrics, and as you're not buying a Silk dress every day why not buy a good one when you need it.

The June sale this year offers some unusually good values in the way of Summer Silks—values that we can recommend day in and day out as the best that the prices will buy.

Not all the Silks in the house are mentioned in this advertisement by any means, only a representative list of the best weaves for summer wear.

Black Waterproof Swiss Habutai, 25 inches wide, guaranteed to wear; per yard.....	75c	Black and White Loutaine Checks, 18 inches wide, four different checks; per yard.....	59c	Cream Japanese Silks, 20 inches wide; per yard.....	25c
Black Waterproof Swiss Habutai, 25 inches wide; per yard.....	\$1.00	Novelty Silks, 18 inches wide, stripes and checks; yard.....	59c	Cream Japanese Silks, 27 inches wide; per yard.....	39c
Black Taffeta, 35 inches wide; per yard.....	\$1.25	Plaid Pongees, per yard.....	\$1.00	Cream Japanese Silks, 36 inches wide; per yard.....	50c
Black Taffeta, 36 inches wide; per yard.....	\$1.50	Natural Chefu Pongees, 27 inches wide, bright and lustrous; per yard.....	\$1.00	Cream Embroidered Japanese Silks, 27 inches wide, embroidered in brown dots; per yard.....	75c
Black Satin Messaline, 36 inches wide; per yard.....	\$1.25	Colored Taffetas, 18 inches wide, good, strong silk; yard.....	59c	Black Waterproof Japanese Silks, 27 inches wide; yard.....	59c
Black Peau de Soie, 19 inches wide; per yard.....	59c				

White Linen Suit- 85c
ing, 90 inches wide, Yard

A delayed shipment that should have been on sale some months ago. In the meantime prices have continued to advance at the mills, and our 85c fabrics compare very favorably with Linen Suitings now being offered at \$1.25 per yard. (Linen Dept.)

Printed Organdies 12 1-2c
Yard

Hundreds of patterns—all beautiful designs in delicate shades and printings. Fine, sheer cloth. Plenty of stores get 19c yard for this quality.

Pure Linen Napkins \$1.50
Dozen

Absolutely All Pure Linen Damask Napkins, dinner size, in half a dozen good patterns; fast selvedge. Extra good value, \$1.50 dozen.

Crash Toweling, 10c
Pure Linen, Yard

Toweling that we should have gotten last year—the delay makes it all the more valuable, as it's almost impossible to-day to secure an all-linen crash for 10c yard.

Good, heavy quality, better than we will be able to sell in the future for 12-12c yard.

Gifts for a Bride Cut Glass, Silverware, Vases,

She can't have too much cut glass, bric-a-brac or silverware, and our goods are so handsome in shape and design that nobody objects if they happen to have duplicate pieces.

The lowest prices go hand in hand with beauty of pattern in this store.

Quadruple Plate Syrup Pitchers and Plates, \$2.

Quadruple Plate Tea Trays, \$2.50.

Quadruple Plate Bread Trays, beaded edge, \$3.

Quadruple Plate Footed Compotes, \$1.75.

Quadruple Plate Baking Dishes, \$6.25.

Richly decorated Japanese Vases, beautiful shapes, \$1.89, \$2.39, up to \$10.

The Japs have turned with renewed vigor to their decorative work since the late war with Russia, and the specimens of art work from the Orient have never been equalled.

22-inch Suit-Cases, covered with matting and bound with leather; as serviceable as a leather case and much lighter in weight, \$3.

24-inch Leather Suit-Cases, double straps all around, lined with linen, shirt fold, \$5.

22-inch Imitation Leather Suit-Cases, waterproof, muslin lined, brass locks and bolts, \$1.75.

22-inch Trunks, covered with canvas, good brass lock, brass hardware, \$3.50.

32-inch Steamer Trunks, lined with linen, double straps, Excelsior lock, brass trimmed, \$5.

34-inch Trunks, fibre bound, brass trimmed, double straps, linen lined, dove bolts, Excelsior lock, \$7.50.

36-inch Duck-Covered Trunks, bound with mottled fibre, double straps, heavy linen lining, brass trimmings, \$9.50.

French Repp Suits, Eton jacket, made Gibson style, three wide stitched folds over the shoulders, short sleeves, deep cuffs, plaited skirt, light gray, light blue, white and pink.....

Suspender Suits of French Linen, shoulder pieces very wide, and lined with black repp; cluster plaited skirt with two wide folds around the bottom.....

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Linen Lustre Suit- 15c
ings Yard

Sixty per cent. linen, fast colors in all the leading shades, such as green, tan, champagne, pink, light blue, medium blue, navy, gray, heliotrope and black.

The best Linen Suiting sold to-day at 15c yard. (Wash Goods Dept.)

Seasonable Furnishings for Little Children

Just as particular here in catering to the little people as we are to supplying mother and sisters with their outfits.

Continental Hats, suitable for little girls and boys, satin braid, trimmed with cord and pompons, 39c.

White Pique Reefers, box style, allover embroidery collar, \$1.19.

Gingham Dresses, in blue and green plaids; yoke of white pique, \$1.

Long Waisted Dresses of white lawn, box plaited front, neck and sleeves trimmed with hemstitched ruffle.

Nainsook Slips, yoke of lace insertion and hemstitched tucks, ruffle on bottom with three tucks above the ruffle, hemstitching and lace on edge, \$1.50.

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White Persian 10c
Lawn Yard

It was a first-class ten cent quality when we placed our order some time ago.

It's a 15c quality to-day according to the price the mills quoted last week.

600 yards of it, 32 inches wide, on sale to-morrow.

Sheets and Pillow Cases Special Prices

"Special" because the prices we quote this morning are less than we'll have to pay at the mills for the next supply we order.

Sheets, 72c

81x90 inches, double-bed size, and one of the best makes of cotton. We can't duplicate these articles under 90c each. To-morrow's price, 72c.

Pillow Cases, 15c

Good quality bleached cotton, 42x36 inches and 45x36 inches. We can't buy these Pillow Cases now to sell for less than 15c.

Imported Art Linen Pieces

Less Than Half Price. (Art Needlework Dept.)

We count ourselves fortunate in securing these articles, although it was through the misfortune of an importer we have them.

All Pure Linen Centrepieces and Scarfs, trimmed with Arabian lace in hand-worked designs. The patterns are exquisitely beautiful. Centrepieces 18 to 30 inches square; Scarfs, 18x54 inches.

75c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25

Worth from \$1.75 to \$7.

New Models in Wash Suits

Women that want individuality in their clothing even at low prices (and what woman does not) will appreciate to the full the garments we will show this week. Everything about them is high class with the exception of the price.

Pony Coat Suit of white union linen, cutaway style, collar and cuffs of canvas, in navy, light blue, reseed and leather color; plaited skirt.....

Pony Coat Suits, union linen, box plaited coats, collar and cuffs of leather colored canvas, plaited skirt.....

Linen Finish Duck Suits, box front, semi-fitting back, long sleeves; leather color cloth, with tan collar and cuffs, and white cloth with blue collar and cuffs. Plaited skirt, with two 3-inch folds around the bottom; all sizes, 14 to 40. Price.....

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Sheer White Plaid 15c
Organdie Yard

Most desirable White Goods at the price we've had this season.

A new shipment in last week, mostly in the small checks—the best patterns for waists and dresses, 15c yard.

Summer Floor Coverings

Chinese and Japanese Mattings

Crex Grass Carpets and Rugs

25c, 27c, 30c and 33c Mattings are sold everywhere, but values like ours are not sold everywhere at these prices.

The 25c and 30c China Mattings are of an especially heavy weave, and the patterns this season the prettiest we've ever seen.

The Japanese Mattings at 27c and 33c are unequalled at these prices, not only for design, but substantial worth.